

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

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Hanford Reach Steelhead Sport Fishery

An estimated 214 steelhead were caught this past week at Ringold. Of these, 147 hatchery steelhead were harvested and 26 wild steelhead were caught and released. Effort remained high this past week but catch and harvest slowed considerably. Bank anglers averaged 13.5 hours per steelhead this past week and boat anglers did slightly better at 8.5 hours per steelhead. Effort and catch has been high this past week.

The RSRF operated the trap on November 10. A total of 234 steelhead have been captured at the trap and 194 hatchery origin steelhead have been caudal clipped and transported to the Ringold launch for release back to the river. WDFW staff is monitoring the sport fishery for these clipped steelhead to evaluate their contribution to the fishery. An estimated 27 caudal clipped steelhead have been harvested to date, 14% of the trap released hatchery origin steelhead.

